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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### Solicitation of Written Comments to Inform Development of a National Youth Sports Strategy

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) solicits written comments from the public on specific topics and questions that will inform the development of the National Youth Sports Strategy.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. E.T. on April 1, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Written public comments will be accepted via email. Instructions for submitting comments are available on the Internet at <https://fitness.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order 13824 directs the development of a National Strategy on Youth Sports and outlines the key pillars that the strategy will address. The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and the President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition are leading the development of this strategy.

*Key pillars of youth sports strategy*

1. Increase awareness of the benefits of participation in sports and regular physical activity, as well as the importance of good nutrition;
2. Promote private and public sector strategies to increase participation in sports, encourage regular physical activity, and improve nutrition;
3. Develop metrics that gauge youth sports participation and physical activity to inform efforts that will improve participation in sports and regular physical activity among young Americans; and
4. Establish a national and local strategy to recruit volunteers who will encourage and support youth participation in sports and regular physical activity, through coaching, mentoring, teaching, or administering athletic and nutritional programs.

*Written Public Comments:* Written comments to inform the development of the strategy are encouraged from the public and will be accepted via email until 11:59 p.m. E.T April 1, 2019. Instructions for submitting comments are available at <https://fitness.gov>. HHS requests that commenters respond to the questions posed on <https://fitness.gov>. A subsequent public comment period will open this summer to provide comments on the draft strategy report.

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